

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association****Federal Tax ID: 26-1832485****Project Title:**

Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association - Clubhouse/Firing Range Reconstruction

State Funding Requested: \$ 25,000**House District: 10 - E**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Construction of a new indoor shooting range in Fairbanks to replace the historical structure destroyed by fire on March 31, 2007.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$3,500,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Other	\$410,000	FY 06 - FY 07			\$2,740,000	FY 08 - FY 10
Total	\$410,000				\$2,740,000	

*Explanation of Other Funds:**Other funds include: insurance, land sales, private donations and clubs and fraternal order(s)' donations.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Funds will be used to construct a new indoor shooting range to continue TVSA's dedication to educate Interior Alaska's youth and adults in the safe use of firearms. The former facility was destroyed by fire on March 31, 2007. The new facility will be 72' x 162' consisting of two bays of eight shooting lanes each, a large classroom, lobby and an administrative area. A state-of-the-art air handling and filtration system will be included in order to eliminate lead exposure. This facility is needed in order to continue TVSA's support of Interior High School Rifle Teams, Middle School Rifle Clubs, as well as other youth shooting programs and youth/adult educational programs. Several individuals who started shooting in TVSA programs have gone on to shoot for the National Champion University of Alaska Nanooks Rifle Team, in addition to receiving valuable college scholarships. Without the TVSA facility being available this past school year, limiting factors in the current "make-shift" programs are the size of the only other indoor range facility and availability of range times. With a new TVSA facility, Interior Alaska communities will be better accommodated by allowing for more events and programs.

Project Timeline:

Construction of a new facility will commence as soon as possible and continue through the 2008 construction season as long as funding allows.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Grant Recipient

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

TVSA/TVR&P New Building Update
1/28/08

We have accomplished a good deal these past few months toward construction of a new Clubhouse/Range to replace the historic facility destroyed by fire on 3/31/07.

1. We had the debris remaining after the fire cleaned up and disposed of at a cost of approximately \$14K.
2. Volunteers constructed a fence around the old foundation to keep any errant persons or vehicles from falling into the old basement. Cost ~ \$300.
3. We contracted with an architect to design a new facility which will fulfill the needs of the clubs and meet appropriate codes. Cost ~ \$217K, of which over 2/3 has been paid.
4. We contracted a soils engineering firm to perform a soils investigation and provide recommendations for preparation of a gravel pad on which the foundation for the new structure will be built. Cost ~ \$18K.
5. We cleared the site of the new structure with volunteer help and rental of a loader. Cost ~ \$700.
6. The Matanuska Valley Sportsmen donated a bullet trap they were not using that had been donated to their club several years ago. Volunteers made 3 trips to Palmer to load and haul the smaller steel parts back to Fairbanks, unload and store them. Transportation, via semi, of the bulk of the bullet trap was donated by Lynden Transport. We purchased a connex to store the small parts. Cost ~ \$2K.
7. We contracted preparation of the gravel pad for the new structure which consisted of excavation of 2 to 3 feet of existing soils and placement, compaction and grading of about 6 feet of clean fill. Cost ~ \$70K.
8. We decided to pay water assessments and arrange for water hookup to Golden Heart Utilities' waterline along Airport Way. To date, \$21K in assessments has been paid, but work on the connection will take place next spring.
9. We decided to construct a septic system rather than pay sewer assessments. The system is designed, has DEC approval, and will be constructed next spring for an estimated half or less than half of the \$42K in sewer assessments that Golden Heart Utilities would charge.
10. We have conducted various fundraising activities through the summer and fall. Additional efforts are continuing.

Grant Lewis, President

**TVSA Range/Clubhouse
Preliminary Cost Estimate, 1/28/08**

ITEM	COST
Concrete foundation and range walls:	\$100,000
Roof Trusses	\$ 20,000
Frame Walls	\$ 40,000
Ventilation/air handling Sys.	\$100,000
Heating System	\$ 25,000
Plumbing	\$ 10,000
Septic System	\$ 20,000
Electrical	\$ 25,000
Insulation	\$ 75,000
Interior sheetrock	\$ 18,000
Siding	\$ 30,000
Roofing	\$ 20,000
Doors/ windows	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total Preliminary Estimate for Basic Building*	\$493,000

*Note, this estimate does not include any finish work, painting, landscaping, or incidentals.

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Sent: Friday, January 18, 2008 7:09 PM

Subject: Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association Range

Thank you for your efforts last year in attempting to obtain funding to help TVSA in its rebuilding project. As you can see by the attached summary, we've accomplished a great deal; however, we have all but exhausted our finances, including the insurance settlement for the old structure. The club has continued fundraising efforts and through them and individual contributions, we collected approximately \$20.0 thus far. The estimate for the new facility is approximately \$3.5M. We hope to reduce this figure as much as possible through volunteer work and additional fundraising; however, the costs will still be substantial.

The loss of the TVSA shooting range has proved detrimental to the Interior Alaska youth shooting programs as evidenced this winter by the reduced amount of time the teams and clubs could practice in the remaining indoor shooting ranges and the fact that high school matches had to be fore-shortened because of available range times. Some of our most promising high school shooters have already been denied consideration for berths on college rifle teams because of the fact that they could not participate in full-length matches as required in the rest of the U.S. Articles in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner provided interviews with teams that illustrated their frustrations at not having adequate practice time.

We greatly appreciate any assistance you can give us in the form of grants, such as those provided to Matanuska Valley Sportsmen's Association in the recent past and those approved last year for TVSA that were later vetoed.

Please feel free to contact me for any additional information. Thank you in advance for your support.

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From: Grant, Pam or Layne Lewis [grantandpamlewis@alaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 3:08 PM
To: Emily Beatley
Subject: Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association Range

FYI.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 4:41 PM
Subject: Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association Range

Sirs,

As a follow-up to my earlier e-mail on Jan. 18th I'd like to update you on our project. As you know the historic TVSA indoor shooting range was destroyed in a fire on March 31, 2007. We are in the process of building a new facility to continue our commitment to the education of Interior Alaska's youth and adults in the safe handling of firearms. As the ground is still frozen we have not begun actual construction, but are continuing to solicit contributions from all over the region. We'd appreciate any efforts from your end if State grant monies are available.

Community support thus far has been fantastic! We have recieved donations of from a few dollars to several thousand from individuals as well as other clubs and civic/fraternal organizations. We currently have barely enough funds to construct the shell of the new building, but will need more for insulation, heating system, wiring, and most importantly an air handling/filtration system.

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